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H. RES. 1675

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require live dissemination on the Internet of all markups of bills and resolutions that are open to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BONO MACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require live dissemination on the Internet of all markups of bills and resolutions that are open to the public.

1 *Resolved*, That (a) it is the purpose of this resolution

2 to—

3 (1) modernize the operations of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives using information technology that has trans-
5 formed and increased the efficiency of many aspects of
6 American society such as financial services and markets,
7 transportation, manufacturing, agriculture, and commerce
8 with consumers and businesses;

1 (2) enhance public participation in American democ-
2 racy and improve the quality of proposed legislation by
3 allowing the opportunity for its review by interested citi-
4 zens; and

5 (3) help restore public trust in Government and en-
6 hance respect for the House of Representatives and the
7 Congress by ensuring that their operations are conducted
8 with openness, order, and dignity.

9 (b) Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House
10 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
11 following new subparagraph:

12 “(7) In the case of each meeting of a standing com-
13 mittee for the markup of bills and resolutions, including
14 the Committee on Appropriations and any subcommittee
15 thereof for consideration of a chairman’s mark, that is
16 open to the public, the committee shall broadcast the
17 markup in real time on the official public Web site of the
18 committee.”.

19 (c) Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House
20 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(q)(1) In the case of any committee or subcommittee
23 markup that is open to the public, the text of any bill or
24 resolution under consideration, and any amendments of-
25 fered thereto, shall be available to the public on the official

1 public Web site of the committee in a timely manner that
2 is accessible using existing technology, at no cost, and in
3 a format that is searchable by text.

4 “(2) As used in paragraph (1), a chairman’s mark
5 shall be deemed to be a bill for purposes of the Committee
6 on Appropriations and any subcommittee thereof.”.

